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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. July 23, 2018** - For the week ending July 22, 2018, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 11 short, 81 adequate, and 7 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 short, 81 adequate, and 5 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Soybean condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 70 good, and 14 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 86 percent, well ahead of 61 last year, and ahead of 67 for the five-year average. Setting pods was 44 percent, well ahead of 16 last year and 21 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 75 good, and 13 excellent. Spring wheat headed was 97 percent, near 96 last year, and ahead of 91 average. Coloring was 55 percent, near 52 last year, and ahead of 40 average. Mature was 6 percent.

Durum wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 72 good, and 12 excellent. Durum wheat headed was 98 percent, ahead of 92 last year, and well ahead of 78 average. Coloring was 50 percent, ahead of 40 last year, and well ahead of 25 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 63 good, and 10 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 92 percent, near 88 last year. Mature was 46 percent, behind 51 last year. Harvested was 3 percent, behind 12 last year.

Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 8 fair, 69 good, and 22 excellent. Corn silking was 63 percent, well ahead of 26 last year and 27 average.

Canola condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 22 fair, 65 good, and 12 excellent. Canola coloring was 41 percent, ahead of 25 last year and 23 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 8 fair, 14 good, and 78 excellent.

Oats condition rated 2 percent very poor, 0 poor, 9 fair, 80 good, and 9 excellent. Oats headed was 96 percent, near 95 last year, and ahead of 90 average. Coloring was 54 percent, behind 64 last year, but ahead of 45 average. Mature was 14 percent, behind 23 last year. Harvested was 1 percent, equal to last year, and near 4 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 81 good, and 7 excellent. Barley coloring was 67 percent, equal to last year, and ahead of 48 average. Mature was 19 percent, ahead of 14 last year.

Dry edible peas condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 70 good, and 11 excellent. Dry edible peas blooming was 97 percent, equal to last year. Dropping leaves was 47 percent, ahead of 37 last year.

Sunflower condition rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 79 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 28 percent, ahead of 14 last year and 11 average.

Flaxseed condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 69 good, and 14 excellent. Flaxseed blooming was 91 percent, near 88 last year, and ahead of 85 average. Turning color was 27 percent, ahead of 22 last year.

Potato condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 6 fair, 85 good, and 9 excellent. Potatoes blooming was 93 percent, well ahead of 71 last year, and ahead of 81 average. Rows closed was 59 percent, ahead of 42 last year, and well ahead of 37 average.

Dry edible bean condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 17 fair, 72 good, and 11 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 82 percent, ahead of 70 last year, and well ahead of 58 average. Setting pods was 37 percent.

Alfalfa condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 28 fair, 59 good, and 11 excellent. Alfalfa first cutting was 96 percent, near 97 last year. Second cutting was 26 percent, behind 31 last year.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 63 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 11 short, 83 adequate, and 5 surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, NDSU Extension Service, and other reporters across the State.*

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